

**STATE WATER RESOURCES CONTROL BOARD
BOARD WORKSHOP – DIVISION OF DRINKING WATER
APRIL 7, 2020**

ITEM 9

SUBJECT

PUBLIC WORKSHOP ON THE DEFINITION OF MICROPLASTICS IN DRINKING WATER

DISCUSSION

Senate Bill 1422 added section 116376 to the Health and Safety Code. Subsection 116376(a) requires the State Water Board, on or before July 1, 2020, to adopt a definition of microplastics in drinking water. Health and Safety Code subsection 116376(b) further requires adoption of standard analytical methodology, requirements for four years of testing and reporting of drinking water microplastics levels, consideration of a notification level or other consumer guidance, and accreditation of qualified laboratories for analysis. The definition of microplastics in drinking water will be used in developing the analytical methodology.

Staff have prepared a draft definition of microplastics in drinking water based on the state-of-the-science. The purpose of this workshop is to provide stakeholders with an overview of the relevant science and decision-making considerations in developing a definition of microplastics in drinking water and an opportunity to provide oral comments. The Board may provide staff with direction on the definition of microplastics in drinking water.

The Board will consider adoption of the proposed definition at its June 16, 2020 meeting.

POLICY ISSUE

Discuss the draft definition of microplastics in drinking water.

FISCAL IMPACT

There is no fiscal impact and no funds are being requested.

REGIONAL BOARD IMPACT

None.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

None.